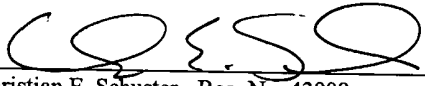


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Sir:

The Disclosure Statement transmitted herewith is being filed concurrently with a continuation application claiming the benefit of Application Serial No. 10/025,641. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), Applicants hereby request consideration of the accompanying references.

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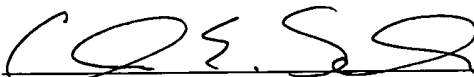
Statement ("IDS") filed April 30, 2003, after the Notice of Allowability issued in the '641 application. The Examiner in a communication dated June 27, 2003 indicated that the April 30, 2003 IDS and accompanying references would not be entered and considered in the '641 application. The accompanying references in the April 30, 2003 IDS were cited in several Oppositions filed against an issued and commonly owned European Patent, European Patent No. EP 0 820 353 B1. This European patent corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,919,517. The '641 application was a continuation application of Application Serial No. 09/286,540, filed April 5, 1999, which was a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/851,337, filed May 5, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,919,517 to Levendusky. The concurrently filed continuation application is being filed specifically to have the references cited in the '641 case but not considered by the Examiner made of record in this application. The accompanying IDS identifies the same references cited in the April 30, 2003 IDS in the '641 application.

Complimentary copies of the Oppositions or translations thereof precipitating this Disclosure Statement are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. The foreign language references listed in the attached Disclosure Statement are relevant because of the reasons described (i.e., content) in the translation or abstract provided for each reference and/or the content of the drawings for each reference, and for their citation as part of one more Oppositions filed against a corresponding and commonly owned European patent.

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